

The Homer Fitts Co.

Incorporated

"The Store Where Quality Counts"

Ladies! Here's Your Chance

to secure a genuine

\$5.00 Gossard Corset
Free of Cost

You may be the lucky one if you start to-night to put on your thinking cap and observe the following instructions.

Our Bargain Annex is a thing of the past. It has undergone extensive alterations and we intend making it a separate shop for the sale of

Corsets, Muslin Underwear, Infants' Wear, Curtains and Pictorial Review Patterns

We want a distinctive name for this shop, or department, suggestive of the character of merchandise it will contain.

Write us a letter suggesting a name that you think would be appropriate for such an undertaking, also the size of corset you wear.

Upon the close of the contest we will select the name we consider most appropriate, publish same and the name of the winner in an advertisement, and present the winner with a \$5.00 Gossard Corset.

Contest Begins, Monday, March 18
and Closes Saturday Night, March 23rd

Address all letters to The Homer Fitts Co.,
Name Contest, Barre, Vermont.

Write us a letter. Do not send a post card.
Be sure and write name and address clearly. This
contest is for women only.

No answers considered after close of contest
Saturday night, March 23rd.

TALK OF THE TOWN

See Abbott's display of wash goods.
F. C. Wetmore is passing several days
in New York on business connected with
the Presbury-Coykendall company.

A number of Barre people were in
Montpelier last evening to attend the St.
Patrick's day observance in the basement
of St. Augustine's church.

Miss Mildred Marston of North Main
street began work this morning as a
clerk in the fruit store recently opened
by George Mannetti in the Mascott
estate building.

In order to accommodate patrons of
the opera house who may be otherwise
engaged early this evening, the curtain
on the big Anna Held production will not
rise to-night until 8:30.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Easter hats at Abbott's.

Jean Sothern in "Peg of the Sea," a
five-act feature, and "Help, Help, Po-
lice," a comedy. Bijou to-day.—adv.

Mrs. Michael R. Kearney and children
left the city last evening for New Ha-
ven, Conn., where they are to join Mr.
Kearney, who preceded them several
weeks ago.

Sergt. Clarence Geddes arrived Sat-
urday evening from Northfield, where he
has been pursuing a special course at
Norwich university during the past three
months. Sergt. Geddes expects to leave
for Boston in a few days to take the en-
trance examinations for West Point, af-
ter which he will report to his regiment in
Spartanburg, S. C.

BARRE DAILY TIMES

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1918.

The Weather

Fair to-night and Tuesday; warmer in
interior Tuesday; moderate northwest to
north winds becoming variable.

TALK OF THE TOWN

New line of petticoats at Abbott's.
Lillian Gish at the Bijou to-morrow in
"Souls Triumphant."—adv.

Roger Erickson left this forenoon for
Northfield, where he is making a visit of
several days.

Mrs. Emma Mack of East Montpelier
was brought to the City hospital for
treatment Saturday.

Ellen Nye Lawrence, teacher of piano,
at 90 Elm street, every Thursday. Head-
quarters at Plainfield.—adv.

L. R. Hutchinson of Wellington street
has returned home, after passing a few
days in Boston and vicinity no business.

Mrs. B. G. Goodwin, who is spending
the winter with her daughter, Mrs. D. C.
Wilmet, was at her home in Randolph on
business from Friday until yesterday.

Miss Susie Currier, who was called to
her home in East Hardwick by the ill-
ness of her mother, has returned to
Barre, leaving her mother somewhat im-
proved in health.

Warner Wheeler of Edgewood, who has
been employed in Barre and Northfield
granite offices for several years, left the
city this forenoon for Hartford, Conn.,
where he has secured a position.

The regular meeting of the woman's
association of the Congregational church
will be held in the church parlors on
Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Social
hour will follow the business session.

Arthur Barber, owner of the George
Richardson farm on the Richardson road,
reports a good run of sap yesterday. He
made six gallons of syrup from the run,
which was brought to the city to-day.

Mrs. Dora N. Aldrich has returned
from a business trip to New York in the
interests of the Mrs. Shepard Co., Inc.
She was accompanied to Barre by Miss
Christine Saxner, for the past two
months of the Phipps Millinery company.
New York, who will be at the Shepard
parlors.

The Anna Held company, playing "Fol-
low Me," which is booked for the Barre
opera house this evening, arrived in the
city this afternoon from Ottawa, Ont.,
where it has been on the boards for sev-
eral days. Two carloads of scenery and
32 people make up the outfit, which goes
from Barre to Claremont, N. H., and
thence to New York.

A. L. Gale and R. F. Swain, represent-
ing the Taylor & Fitchfield-Clague ad-
vertising agency, who have been passing
several days in Barre while conferring
with manufacturers and quarrymen on the
subject of national advertising, returned
yesterday to their home in Chicago. D.
Janion MacNichol and E. V. Alley, who
were here on similar business, went back
to Boston yesterday.

Ex-Alderman A. E. Bruce, who pur-
chased the Holden farm in Barre Town
last year, was in the city to-day on a
business visit, after having been confined
to the house by an attack of the grip for
several days. Mr. Bruce has been mak-
ing plans for a spring invasion of his
sugar orchard, although he may be com-
pelled to change his program because of
the labor shortage.

Deputy Sheriff George Parks of North
Barre and his son, Arthur G. Parks of
Pleasant street, left the city this forenoon
for Hyde Park, Mass., where they were
called by the death of the former's
son, Albert Parks, who passed away in
the Massachusetts General hospital Sat-
urday after a long illness. The funeral
will be held in Hyde Park, and Messrs.
Parks do not expect to return to Barre
until the end of the week.

Edmund Rioux, who has been spend-
ing the past few days on a short leave
of absence at his home on the Shurtleff
place, returned this forenoon to New
York, where he will join his shipmates
on board the U. S. S. Delaware. Sailor
Rioux has crossed the Atlantic three
times, experiencing several meetings with
submarines, and he expects to sail for
another voyage in the near future. He
is a captain in charge of a gun crew on
board the Delaware.

A Barre-bound farmer who left the
home place with a heavy load of straw
at daybreak, encountered a bevy of God-
dard seminary girls in the hinterlands
this forenoon, and despite the rather soft
going on the hill roads, consented to give
the students a lift on their homeward
journey. The girls were ahead on a
hike and were endeavoring to disprove
the contention that pedestrianism was a
lost art until its recent revival by khaki-
clad men in camp and cantonment. The
farmer gladly gave the hikers accommo-
dation on the top of the load, and the
hikers, convinced that the way of the
hiker is not strewn with roses and cho-
colate fudge, obeyed with alacrity his in-
structions to clamber aboard.

One more vagrant dog paid the pen-
alty for his transgressions last Friday
when Game Warden Charles Keith dis-
patched a deer-trailing sleuth of the can-
ine species on the west hill. Another
dog, one of a pair which had been chasing
a fawn near the Sibley farm, made its
escape. Saturday the warden came to
quarters with a hungry hound on the
Pigeon pond trail. The fish and
game department has issued a warning
that owners of dogs caught chasing deer
must suffer the loss of the dogs in addi-
tion to paying fines. James R. Counts,
who recently received his appointment as
a deputy game warden, has qualified for
office, and will take the place of George
Bond among the local deputies.

A distinct shrinkage in the death rate
is to be noted in comparative figures re-
lating to the receiving vault at Elmwood
cemetery. At this season a year ago
nearly 50 bodies were awaiting burial,
while at the present time only 34 repose
at the Elmwood tomb. The disparity is
further accentuated by the fact that a
number of bodies to be interred in the
Catholic cemetery on Beckley street have
been placed in the vault this winter. A
year ago weather conditions did not work
such an effective proscription on winter
burial, and remains destined for the
Beckley street burial ground were in-
terred at once. During the present win-
ter the heavy snow has made interment
in all of the three cemeteries practically
impossible. A number of the 35 bodies
at the Elmwood vault are infants.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our hearty thanks
to the public for the splendid patronage
accorded us on our opening day. We
shall endeavor to sell only the best fruits
at lowest possible prices. Barre Fruit
Co., George Maniatty, Prop.



Stated convention of Granite
Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., Tues-
day, March 19, at 7 p. m. Per
order E. H. P.

MONTPELIER

State is Likely to Go on Card System for
Coal Distribution.

State Fuel Administrator H. J. M.
Jones this morning received notice that
the jobbers handling coal must be li-
censed by the federal department before
April 1 in order to handle the business
next year. It is expected that a card
system will be installed in Vermont the
coming year following out the advance
information that has been given by the
federal administration. The office here
also received advice this morning rela-
tive to the profits which will be allowed
the dealers this coming year and the ex-
pense which will be allowed for handling.
Hard coal is arriving in the state now
with a great deal more promptness than
it did a few weeks back, but there is
still a shortage of soft coal for industrial
purposes.

Mrs. William McCluskey is employed
in the office of the insurance commis-
sioner upon some special work in that de-
partment.

William H. Jeffrey, state probate of-
ficer, was in Wheelock and Sheffield to-
day looking up some complaints which
came to his department.

Col. H. T. Johnson was in Bradford
to-day.

A report has been received at the com-
missioner of industries office to-day from
the Rising and Nelson Slate company of
West Pawlet that Steve Cheney was
killed in their quarry March 15. It ap-
pears from the report that the man was
hit on the head by a stone slipping from
the top of the quarry, it having been
loosened by the warmer weather.

The will of Adelaide Duhe of Barre
Town was presented for probate in that
court this morning. Claude L. Morse
of Northfield was appointed adminis-
trator de bonis non, with will annexed,
of the estate of Rhode H. Severance, late
of Northfield, while John L. Spalding
of Warren Saturday afternoon was ap-
pointed special administrator of the es-
tate of Ida L. Foley, late of Warren. It
appears that the administrator forgot to
present a bill he had against the estate
so the special administrator is ap-
pointed so that the administrator may
petition the commissioners to reopen the
estate in order that he may present his bill.

A hearing took place this afternoon
before Judge F. L. Fish in county court
contested proceedings in which Mrs.
Orena (Stana) Smith sets forth that
Angelo Stana, her former husband, has
not complied with the order of the court
in providing care for the minor child.
They were granted a divorce and the or-
der was that Stana should provide care
for the baby, the custody of which was
given to the mother.

The arguments in Barclay vs. Wetmore
& Morse granite company case were com-
pleted this afternoon. R. A. Hoar pre-
sented the closing argument for the de-
fendants, while J. W. Gordon closed for
the plaintiff. The next case is that of
George E. May vs. Fred R. Morse, general
assumpsit, in which the jury will prob-
ably be drawn late this afternoon. Sev-
eral applications have been made by the
new venire of jurymen that they be ex-
cused.

Prof. H. H. Gibson of the educational
department is very ill at his home here
with an abscess in his head. Commis-
sioner of Education M. B. Hillegas left
this morning for Burlington on a con-
ference relative to transportation mat-
ters. Miss Margarette Hunting of the
same office is taking a vacation, a part
of which she is spending in Boston. Prof.
L. M. Beach has gone to Rutland, where
he expects to form a class for evening
training for the drafted men.

The reports of the foreign corporations
is fast arriving at the office of secretary
of state. These are due on or before the
last day of this month.

W. L. Brown appeared in city court
Saturday afternoon on the charge of
breach of the city ordinance by driving
on the sidewalks, to which he pleaded
guilty and was assessed a fine of \$5
and costs, which he paid. A few min-
utes afterward he took Officer McAvoy
to upper Barre street, where two truck-
men were alleged to have been on the
sidewalk. These were not in the road,
way, but the investigation this morning
by City Attorney G. L. Hunt developed
that they had not occupied enough of
the sidewalk to warrant prosecution.

Christopher Henderson, who on Sat-
urday morning paid a fine for intoxication,
was arrested during the same night fol-
lowing, and was committed to jail on
the charge of intoxication. At noon to-
day he had not appeared in court.

Capt. G. B. Walton, who has been in-
specting the various companies of the
First Vermont regiment of volunteer
militia, has completed his series of in-
spections and finds the companies in
good shape for the short length of time
they have been organized. Some changes
will be made. He also advised target
practicing and care of the riot guns with
which the men are equipped. He will
make another inspection in a little while.

Two men applied to-day for enlist-
ment in the navy. They were Ernest
A. Marriethy of Saugus, Mass., who is
attending Montpelier seminary, and Paul
S. Colmar of Northfield, who was ac-
cepted and went to Burlington to-day
for physical examination. He expects,
if accepted there, to enter the hospital
corps.

Checks for the first dividend in the
bankrupt estate of L. G. Derrick were
made from the office of W. N. Threl-
kaut, referee in bankruptcy, to-day. They
amount to 10 per cent.

Arrangements are being completed in
the headquarters of the Vermont chap-
ter of the Red Cross for the institution
of the county chapter which were decided
upon last week by the executive com-
mittee. Each county will have its chair-
man and secretary and treasurer, and
will be in its own way a duplicate of the
state branch excepting on a smaller scale.
They will have charge of the work in the
county instead of the state chair-
man having charge of each individual
chapter. This will materially help in the
state branch work. The big drive for \$2
tons of clothing from Vermont for the
use of the relief commissions in Bel-
gium is being pushed this week in those
towns where there is a chapter.

The Interscholastic Basketball Standing.

The standing of the state interscholastic
league race, which ended last Friday
evening, finished with Burlington high
school and Spaulding high school tied for
the first position. The standing of the
league is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Spaulding high	8	2	.800
Burlington high	8	2	.800
People's academy	4	4	.500
Montpelier high	2	2	.500
St. Albans high	2	2	.500
Waterbury high	2	2	.500

Union Dry Goods Company

SUITS, COATS, DRESSES

Buy your Easter Suit, Coat or Dress from this Complete Assortment

A charming selection of the most approved models, a variety unusually large, com-
prising every style tendency that is new.

New Spring Coats

The varieties ready to-day are the most
attractive for Easter and spring wear, and
the prices are very moderate.

Pretty Coats that are straight and very
simple, but smart in cut; other models are
trimmed and very effective in style.

Make your selection now.

Smart Easter Suits

This is an early Easter. This is a sea-
son of Suit popularity.

We are showing a splendid variety of
the latest models at popular prices.

See our assortments at

\$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50, \$32.50

Stunning New Spring Dresses

The newest, cleverest and smartest looking frocks are shown here to-day in the most
pleasing varieties. Now is the time to make your selection. We make all alterations with-
out extra charge.

NEW WAISTS—A splendid showing of the newest styles in Georgette and Crepe de
Chine Waists.

NEW WASH FABRICS—See our line of new Spring Wash Goods. These goods are
unusually attractive and very moderately priced.

THE UNION DRY GOODS COMPANY

NORTH MONTPELIER

Mrs. Alice Hamblett Died Yesterday, on
Birthday Anniversary.

Mrs. Alice Hamblett passed away Sun-
day night at the home of her daughter,
Mrs. Will Greeley, in Plainfield, after a
week's illness with bronchial pneumonia
and asthma. Mrs. Hamblett had been
living with her daughter this winter, but
for 25 years she had been a resident of
North Montpelier. Her death occurred
on the 41st anniversary of her birth-
day. She leaves two daughters, Mrs.
Greeley of Plainfield, and Miss Grace
Hamblett of Burlington, two brothers,
George L. and Edgar E. Pray of North
Montpelier, also one sister, Mrs. John
Joyce, of Northfield Falls. Mr. Hamblett,
who was a Civil War veteran, died sev-
eral years ago. The funeral will be held
at the home of Mrs. Greeley Wednesday
afternoon at 1 o'clock, with interment
in the family lot in North Montpelier
cemetery.

EAST ORANGE

About 60 friends and neighbors gath-
ered at the home of E. L. Sanborn and
gave him a surprise party for his birth-
day last Monday evening. A very pleas-
ant social evening was enjoyed by all.

Otto Simpson is visiting friends in
Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Hutchinson were in
Barre Wednesday.

Miss Helen Worthley of Bradford is
visiting Mrs. J. A. Dow.

F. E. Thorpe, superintendent of the
Parker-Young company, Lisbon, N. H.,
was a business visitor here recently.

There will be an oyster supper on
Wednesday evening, March 20, at the
vestry and a short entertainment.

Adults 25c, and children under 12 years
15c. Everyone invited to come. Pro-
ceeds to be used for the Red Cross.

Viola Hutchinson is visiting friends in
Waits River.

Harry Simpson and Hilas Bowen have
been sick and unable to attend school for
several days.

F. A. Burroughs and son were in East
Topsham recently, visiting Mr. Bur-
roughs' mother, Mrs. Phyllis Bur-
roughs.

MEETING SEED CORN SITUATION.

Children's Opportunity of Helping Win
the War.

The 1917 corn crop of many districts,
even far down into the corn belt states,
is in poor condition for use as seed. In
many cases the seed selected last fall
froze before drying and contains weak
and dead ears. Even at this late date
the best place to get seed for those who
can is from corn grown in the neighbor-
hood. Unless a preliminary germination
test shows that most of the ears will
grow, careful sorting followed by germi-
nation testing of each individual ear
chosen will be necessary.

After testing various methods the
United States department of agriculture
has found the "rag doll" tester, simple,
cheap and satisfactory, and has just is-
sued farmers' bulletin 948, "The Rag
Doll Seed Tester: Its Use in Determining
Which Ears of Corn Are Fit for Seed."

A copy will be sent free on application.
By the use of this tester during the
next few weeks even an eight-year-old
child can find out which ears can be de-
pend upon to grow. The situation is
unusual and calls for unusual precaution.
Unless this individual ear testing is
promptly attended to, thousands of
farmers will have poor stands, wasted la-
bor, idle land, or soft corn this year. To
repaint or to plant seed of southern va-
rieties is likely to cause a recurrence of
the soft corn situation next fall. Test-
ing out from locally grown supplies the
ears that will germinate is the best
means of obtaining seed that will pro-
duce a good stand and a well matured
crop.—C. P. Hartley, in charge of corn in-
vestigations, U. S. department of agricul-
ture.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED TO BUY: Twenty cords of 4-ft.
wood; also want to buy small potatoes to feed
cattle; G. Aja, 2 Vine street, Barre; tel. 13-M.

CHESTNUT HORSE FOR SALE—Safe for
woman to drive; will sell reasonably; G. Aja,
2 Vine street, Barre; tel. 13-M.

LOST: Will the gentleman who picked up
a black and white dog, please bring it to
this office and kindly leave at this office? 213

WOODWORKING SHOP—All kinds cabin-
et and furniture repairing; wagon and truck
bodies; house finish cut out; lumber planed
and matched; 1 warehouse for sale; Russell &
Sons, 18 Summer street, phone 247-M, 212

MRS. McLEOD WILL OPEN DRESSMAK-
ING PARLORS, and all her old friends and
new ones are invited to call; 20 Elm street;
also wheel chair for sale. 213*

WANTED: A middle-aged woman to work
in family of 2 on farm near Grandville;
\$6 per week; washing and ironing; place
for right party; inquire of Mrs. W. F. Spaul-
ding at the military hospital. 212

SITUATION WANTED: An American man
36 years of age wants a steady position as
an experienced bookkeeper; address "Book-
keeper," Times office. 218*

CLOTHING IS WANTED

For Destitute People of Belgium and
Northern France.

Beginning March 18 and ending March
25, a seven-day nationwide campaign
will be carried on by the Red Cross and
the commission for relief in Belgium to
obtain a minimum quantity of 5,000 tons
of clothes for the destitute people of
Belgium and the occupied portions of
northern France.

The request comes from Herbert Hoover,
chairman of the commission for relief
in Belgium.

H. P. Davison, chairman of the Red
Cross war council, has granted the use
of the national Red Cross organization
for collecting the needed clothing.

The donations will be shipped at once
to the Atlantic seaboard and sent over-
seas for distribution.

Mr. Hoover's letter to Mr. Davison
outlining the Belgian situation and ask-
ing for Red Cross assistance follows:

"February 28.

"My dear Mr. Davison: The practical
entire exhaustion of clothes, clothing,
shoes and leather in occupied Belgium
and northern France and the shortage of
these necessities in the world's markets
are making it increasingly difficult for
the commission for relief in Belgium to
keep clothed and shod the unfortunate
people of these occupied territories.

"In addition to new material we need
gifts of used and surplus clothing and
shoes, blankets, flannel cloth, etc., in
large quantities from the people of the
United States.

"As the commission has allowed most
of its local committees scattered over the
United States to disband because of the
financial arrangement made last June
with our government, it occurs to me
that the Red Cross with its existing elab-
orate system of local organizations would
be in excellent situation to conduct this
clothing campaign for us.

"Will you lend the machinery of this
organization to collect for the commis-
sion from the people of the country the
articles needed by it in its relief work?
Where our own local committees are still
intact we should prefer to give them
the choice of carrying on the campaign
in their own localities or working in co-
operation with the Red Cross, or of turn-
ing it over entirely to the Red Cross.

"From our repeated cordial offers of
co-operation of the American Red Cross
in any of the charitable work of our
commission I have no doubt of the an-
swer you will make to our present re-
quest. Faithfully yours,

"Herbert C. Hoover."

Mr. Davison's letter of reply to Mr.

Hoover, dated March 4 at American Red
Cross national headquarters, Washing-
ton, follows:

"My dear Mr. Hoover: In response to
your request on behalf of the commis-
sion of relief in Belgium, the Red Cross
will be glad to undertake the collection
of used and surplus clothing and other
articles for use of the commission in its
relief work in occupied territories in
France and Belgium.

"We have set aside the week of March
18 to March 25 for a special campaign for
this purpose. We feel certain that the
people of the United States will respond
generously and that we will be able to
collect for the commission such quanti-
ties of clothing and other articles as it
requires to satisfactorily carry on its
work of relief.

"We will send out your appeal to all
our chapters through our divisional or-
ganization. Where your local commit-
tees still exist we trust that this work
may be done by such committees in co-
operation with our local chapters in or-
der that the chapters may feel that they
too have a part in the great work. Cor-
dially yours,

H. P. Davison,
Chairman Red Cross War Council."

The Woman's Ready-to-Wear Shop

Now is the time to get your wardrobe
ready for spring and summer.

PEGGY PAIGE DRESSES.

Peggy has carefully selected her materi-
als and styles for her gowns. The
dainty afternoon and evening gown in
smart combinations, in Georgette, Crepe
and Silk, also the more tailored frock.
The charming individuality of these
dresses will bear comparison. The price
harmonizes with the dress.

We have the exclusive agency of Gage
Hats, in which we have a full and care-
fully selected line.

Our line of inexpensive Hats has been
selected with care, and are just the thing
for school wear. Prices range from \$1.4